

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2762

Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 185020 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to high-speed rail.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2762, as introduced, Baker. High-Speed Rail Authority.

Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with specified powers and duties relative to development and implementation of a high-speed rail system. The authority is comprised of 9 members appointed by the Governor and the Legislature.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 185020 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:
3 185020. (a) There is in the Transportation Agency a
4 High-Speed Rail Authority.
5 (b) (1) The authority is composed of nine members as follows:
6 (A) Five members appointed by the Governor.
7 (B) Two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.
8 (C) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
9 (2) For the purposes of making appointments to the authority,
10 the Governor, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of

1 the Assembly shall take into consideration geographical diversity
2 to ensure that all regions of the state are adequately represented.

3 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), and until their
4 successors are appointed, members of the authority shall hold
5 office for terms of four years. A vacancy shall be filled by the
6 appointing power making the original appointment, by appointing
7 a member to serve the remainder of the term.

8 (d) (1) On and after January 1, 2001, the terms of all persons
9 who are then members of the authority shall expire, but those
10 members may continue to serve until they are reappointed or until
11 their successors are appointed. In order to provide for evenly
12 staggered terms, persons appointed or reappointed to the authority
13 after January 1, 2001, shall be appointed to initial terms to expire
14 as follows:

15 (A) Of the five persons appointed by the Governor, one shall
16 be appointed to a term which expires on December 31, 2002, one
17 shall be appointed to a term which expires on December 31, 2003,
18 one shall be appointed to a term which expires on December 31,
19 2004, and two shall be appointed to terms which expires on
20 December 31, 2005.

21 (B) Of the two persons appointed by the Senate Committee on
22 Rules, one shall be appointed to a term which expires on December
23 31, 2002, and one shall be appointed to a term which expires on
24 December 31, 2004.

25 (C) Of the two persons appointed by the Speaker of the
26 Assembly, one shall be appointed to a term which expires on
27 December 31, 2003, and one shall be appointed to a term which
28 expires on December 31, 2005.

29 (2) Following expiration of each of the initial terms provided
30 for in this subdivision, the term shall expire every four years
31 thereafter on December 31.

32 (e) Members of the authority are subject to the Political Reform
33 Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section ~~81000~~)). *81000*)
34 *of the Government Code*.

35 (f) From among its members, the authority shall elect a
36 chairperson, who shall preside at all meetings of the authority, and
37 a vice chairperson to preside in the absence of the chairperson.
38 The chairperson shall serve a term of one year.

- 1 (g) Five members of the authority constitute a quorum for taking
- 2 any action by the authority.

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